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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER VAZQUEZ' FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT

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1. AFTER HIS RETURN FROM THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOREIGN MINISTER ALFREDO VAZQUEZ CAROZASA MADE A STATEMENT ON APRIL 17 CONCERNING THE OUTCOME OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OTHER FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS. THE MAJOR POINTS OF THE SPEECH WERE AS FOLLOWS: (A) LATIN AMERICA HAS RECUPERATED ITS POLITICAL AUTONOMY AND HAS PRESENTED ITS OWN IDEAS CONCERNING PEACE AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN REGIONAL AND WORLD FORUMS; (B) THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT PASTRANA HAS ENDEAVORED TO STRENGTHEN FRIENDLY TIES WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES; (C) THE VIEWS OF A SMALL NATION SHOULD BE RESPECTED BY ALL, BUT THE DIVISION OF THE WORLD INTO POWERFUL BLOCKS MAKES IT INEVITABLE THAT POLITICAL INFLUENCE DEPENDS ON THE FORCE AND NUMBERS BEHIND IT; (D) COLOMBIA'S PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE PATRIMONIAL SEA HAS BEEN RECEIVING INCREASING SUPPORT IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND IS ONE OF THE ESSENTIAL POINTS OF DISCUSSION IN THE COMMISSIONS PREPARING FOR THE 1974 CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA; (E) LATIN AMERICA CANNOT GO TO THE LAW OF THE CONFERENCE WITH INDIVIDUAL

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STATES PRESENTING UNILATERAL DECLARATIONS, BUT SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ARRIVE AT AN AGREED POSITION PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE; (F) COLOMBIA SUPPORTED PANAMA IN THE RECENT UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING THERE SO THAT PANAMA CAN RECUPERATE ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND MODIFY THE PRESENT UNJUST TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES; (G) THE UNITED NATIONS MEETING IN PANAMA WAS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR THE PRONOUNCEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE UNITED STATES CONSULTING WITH LATIN AMERICA PRIOR TO TAKING ACTION IN ECONOMIC, MONETARY AND POLITICAL AREAS; (H) COLOMBIAN REPRESENTATIVES TOOK AN ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE ROLE IN THE CECLA AND ECOSOC MEETINGS IN EARLY 1973 IN THE FORMULATION OF A NEW CONTINENTAL ECONOMIC POLICY DIRECTED AT THE DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICA; (8) THE INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN RESOLVING CONFLICTS IN THE HEMISPHERE BUT HAS NOT SHOWN THE NECESSARY DYNAMISM AND EFFICIENCY IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AREAS; (J) THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS HAS COMPLETED ITS MISSION AND SHOULD BE REPLACED; (K) PRESIDENT NIXON IS CONVINCED OF THE NEED FOR A NEW POLICY IN REGARD TO LATIN AMERICA AND IS SENDING SECRETARY ROGERS TO TALK TO THE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS ABOUT SUCH A POLICY; (L) COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE AREA CANNOT BE TREATED ON A SOLELY REGIONAL BASIS BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT WORLD DEVELOPMENTS HAVE ON LATIN AMERICA; (M) COLOMBIA SUPPORTS STRONGLY THE CONCEPT AND PRACTICE OF IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM; (N) MANY CHANGES ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE WORLD IN THE DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS AMONG NATIONS OF DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES; AND (O) IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM IS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF NONINTERVENTION, SOVEREIGNTY AND EQUALITY AMONG STATES.
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